

HOW TO BECOME LICENSED AS A SOCIAL WORKER IN MISSISSIPPI

There are three social work levels in Mississippi: LSW, LMSW, LCSW

- ❖ LSW is the Bachelors level (BSW)**
- ❖ LMSW is the Masters level (MSW)**
- ❖ LCSW is the Masters (MSW) with 2 years of supervision**

There are three (3) methods to become licensed as a Social Worker:

- ❖ By Examination (1)**
- ❖ Reciprocity (2)**
- ❖ Universal Recognition Reciprocity (3)**

- 1. If you are a recent graduate of an accredited CSWE Social Work program, you can apply by Examination. Please use the Initial Application Packet to apply. Students who have not yet graduated but are within 15 hours of completion of a CSWE Social Work program should use the Student Application Packet to apply.**
- 2. If you are currently licensed in another state and have taken the ASWB exam and hold a BSW or MSW, you may apply by Reciprocity. Please use the Reciprocity Application Packet.**
- 3. If you are currently licensed in another state, have moved to Mississippi but do not meet all the necessary requirements for licensure in Mississippi, you may qualify under the Universal Recognition by Reciprocity. Please use the Universal Recognition Reciprocity Packet.**

All forms can be found under Resources. There is a checklist attached to each application packet that contains a list of everything you need to submit for licensure.

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